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SUBJECT: GORM AGREES TO ELVIS TRANSMISSION REQUIREMENT TEXT

REF: SECSTATE 5063

1. This is an action request, please see para 3.

3. Per request reftel, Post delivered diplomatic note and attachments on January 12, 2004. On August 4, Post received a diplomatic note response, indicating Maldives was in agreement with the proposed text. The note further acknowledges the Arrangement will come into force thirty days after this note is received by the Committee for the Implementation of Textiles Agreements of the United States. GORM has requested notification of receipt of this note by the committee.

3. Action Request: Text of the GORM diplomatic note is provided in para four below. Post will also fax a copy to SA/INS. Post requests that this note be passed to the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements and, per GORM request, we would appreciate notification of receipt of the note by the committee.

4. Begin Text of GORM Diplomatic Note:

Reference: 9C1) WE-7-B/2004/34

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Maldives presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America to the Republic of Maldives and has the honour to refer to the Embassy,s Note No.002 dated 23 January 2004 and Ministry,s Note No. (C1) WE-7-B/2004/31 dated 19 July 2004 regarding the proposed Visa and Electronic Visa Information System (ELVIS) Arrangement between the Government of the Republic of Maldives and the Government of the United States concerning apparel made of textiles.

The Ministry has the honour to state that the Government of Maldives is in agreement with the proposed text of the abovementioned Arrangement. Therefore, the present Note and the Embassy,s above referred Note will constitute an agreement on a visa and ELVIS Arrangement between the two Governments.

Further, the Arrangement will come into force thirty days after this Note is received by the Committee for the Implementation of Textiles Agreements of the United States, as stated in the Embassy,s Note and the proposed text. Hence, the Ministry would like to request the Embassy for a notification of receipt of this Note by the Committee.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Maldives avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America to the Republic of Maldives the assurances of its highest consideration.

End Text of GORM Diplomatic Note

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